

Holiness the Jesus Way 4246

I. What Is Holiness?

- A. A command of God's Word (Lev. 11:44; 1 Pet. 1:15–16)
 - 1. Old Testament way
 - a. By keeping rules
 - b. *But* you must keep the *whole* law *all* the time
 - 2. New Testament way
 - a. By Faith in Jesus (Acts 26:18)
 - b. Word of God builds up and makes holy (Acts 20:32)

II. The New Testament Way To Holiness

- A. Execute the rebel nature (Rom. 6:6)
 - 1. *Know* that the rebel was put to death with Jesus
Until rebel is dealt with, sin dominates
 - 2. *Reckon* the old self to be dead to sin (Rom. 6:11)
- B. Let the resurrected Christ now live in you (Gal. 2:20)
Jesus comes in with *His faith*
- C. Yield yourselves to God (Rom. 6:17–19)
 - 1. Jesus has now become our holiness (1 Cor. 1:30)
 - 2. Yielding requires the exercise of our *will*
 - a. Do not trust yourself
 - b. “When the devil knocks, let Jesus answer the door”
 - c. Replace negative thought with a positive Scripture
- D. Results of yielding
 - 1. We are dead (life hid in Christ) (Col. 3:3–4)
 - 2. Our old man must be buried (Rom. 6:1–4)
 - 3. Then we put on new man (Col. 3:10–11)
- E. How do we relate to *rules*?
 - 1. If we have been made holy by *faith*, we will keep the appropriate *rules*
 - 2. But rules will not make us holy
 - 3. The difference between New and Old Testament:
 - a. Not effort, but union
 - b. Not struggling, but yielding
 - c. Not works, but faith

Prayer of yielding to Jesus:

Lord Jesus Christ, I thank You that when You died on the cross my old man was executed—he has been put to death. I reckon him dead. Now, Lord Jesus, I thank You that You have been made to me holiness from God. You in me are my holiness, and, by a decision of my will, I yield myself to You now. I stop all of my struggling and yield to You. I believe You will enable me to stay yielded. Every time I go back to the old way, Lord, I trust You to straighten me out again. Lord, I trust You. My faith is in You. It is not in myself. It is not in rules, but it is in You, Lord Jesus. You in me are my holiness. Thank You, Lord Jesus.

Amen.